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REMARKS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to the Amendment and Response After Final Rejection filed on July 26, 2004, in particular in the Remarks section with regard to the claim rejections under 35 USC 103, the contents of which is hereby repeated. Additionally, in order to more clearly claim the inventive subject matter, independent claim 1 has been amended to further recite that the partial denture does not require an elastic retainer strip in front of existing front teeth of a patient. Applicant respectfully submits that this limitations, in combination with other claimed elements, is neither taught, disclosed or suggested in U.S. 5,364,269 (Willits et al.).

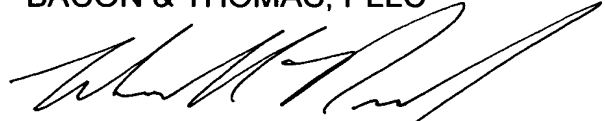
In view of the amendments to claim 1, as presently submitted, and the amendments to the specification and drawings (submitted on July 26, 2004), withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art individually or collectively shows the invention as claimed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims appears to be warranted and the same is respectfully requested. In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to Applicants' Attorney, the

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